

TO TEACH LADS FARMING.

Rev. D. O. Crowley, of the Youths' Directory, has begun building operation on the Directory farm at Ruthersford, Napa County. This is the first step toward the erection of a series of permanent buildings of stone to comprise school houses, shops, farm buildings, dormitories and living rooms for the boys at the farm.

Father Crowley has twenty boys on the farm, and hopes to be able to increase the number of youths, who like the country life, so that the 1,000 acre farm will soon be used to the best possible advantage.

His scheme for the education and practical training of these city lads contemplates a course which many years of experience has proved to be the best for them. There will be eventually about 150 boys on the practical farming with the theoretical part of the work, which they will farm. They will be required to study get from books, lectures and study in the laboratory. The school will be divided into two classes, one of which will be out in the fields, the orchard or dairy doing practical work, while the other class will by turns be in the class-rooms studying the theory of farming in its variety.

The Xaverian Brothers whom our Most Rev. Archbishop has secured to conduct the agricultural school at Ruthersford are devoting themselves everywhere to the education of youth along religious lines.

In Belgium, England and America, they have been a great success. The Most Rev. M. J. Spalding, the great Archbishop of Baltimore, introduced the Order into this country about fifty years ago.

This being the first branch established west of the Rocky Mountains, we had one who knows the Order well to write the subjoined sketch of its foundation and progress, thinking it would be of great interest to our readers.

The congregation known as the Xaverian Brothers was organized on June 5, 1839, in Bruges, Belgium, by Theodore James Ryken (Brother Francis Xavier), a celebrated educator of Holland. During the early part of his life Mr. Ryken visited America chiefly to study the Indian languages, because he felt inclined to spend his days among the Indians, but seeing the greater need of instructors for the American youth, he resolved to labor in the Lord's vineyard in this country for the little lambs of the fold of the Good Master. He made known his intention to the Rt. Rev. Prelates, at that time governing the Church, and from them received their approbation and encouragement.

While in the United States, Mr. Ryken saw the difficulty of procuring young men for his intended purpose from among the scattered Catholic population; consequently he returned to Europe, and, guided by Divine Providence, took up his abode in Catholic Flanders, where the persecuted for conscience's sake found a home, and from the sons of that worthy people he collected his first disciples.

Before proceeding further, Mr. Ryken departed for the Eternal City to present his plans to the Holy Father, at that time Pope Gregory XVI, who graciously received him, gave him his approbation and a special benediction to the intended undertaking, placing it under the patronage of the Right Rev. Bishop of Bruges, Belgium.

At that time the great St. Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies, was admired by the Christian world on account of his wonderful miracles, and believing in his power, the new organization was placed under the protection of this great champion of Christianity, and the new Society took the name of the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier, or Xaverians.

The end of the Congregation is to sanctify its members by the practice of Christian perfection, and to be useful to its neighbor by instructing boys and young men in colleges, academies, parochial and industrial schools, directories, homes and orphanages.

Shortly after its organization the Brothers opened a college in Bruges, Belgium, which to-day has an average attendance of over six hundred students. Other schools followed in Belgium, and in 1848 the Brothers were called to England, where several flourishing colleges and schools attest the earnestness and capability of their work as teachers.

In 1854 the Most Rev. M. J. Spalding, then Bishop of Louisville, Ky., visited the saintly founder in

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Belgium, and secured a colony of Brothers for his diocese. On their arrival in Louisville they opened St. Xavier's College, and many parochial schools in the city. St. Xavier's College began this scholastic year with an enrollment of over three hundred pupils.

During the lifetime of Bishop Spalding, afterwards Archbishop of Baltimore, the Brothers had a kind friend who encouraged the strangers and assisted them in every way possible. He said on one occasion: "The greatest work of my life is the introduction of the Xaverian Brothers into my diocese." After his elevation to the exalted position of Primate of the United States, he obtained a colony for the new institution which he was about to establish for poor boys, that has since proved of incalculable benefit to the city and State where it is situated.

This great man was called to his reward before his work was fully developed; but under his successor, His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, the poor, neglected and wayward youth found a home and a shelter in one of the best institutions of its kind in this country—the St. Mary's Industrial School.

The Congregation has satisfactorily progressed here since its introduction. The only drawback is a want of laborers. The harvest is ripe, but there are a few willing to aid in the glorious work of Catholic education.

The Brothers are engaged in educational work in the following places: In and near Baltimore—a novitiate, a college, an industrial school, a Home for Working Boys and a parochial school.

In the archdiocese of Boston—a preparatory novitiate, two schools in Boston and one each in Lowell, Lawrence and Somerville.

In Louisville, Ky.—one college and two schools.

In Richmond, Va.—one academy and one school, one academy each in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News, Va., and one college at Old Point Comfort, Va.

A flourishing academy at Wheeling, West Virginia.

In the diocese of Springfield—one school and one industrial and agricultural school.

In Arlington, N.J.—an industrial school.

In Detroit, Mich.—A Home for Working Boys.

Last, but let us hope it will not be the least, comes the branch at Ruthersford, where the Brothers have recently arrived from the East. Brother Raymond, who for years had been director of the Sacred Heart Industrial School of Arlington, N. J., is in charge. He is assisted by Brothers Valentine and Paul, who were called to join him from Old Point Comfort College, Old Point, Va. Rev. Brother Dominic, Provincial of the American Province, is stationed at St. Mary's Industrial School, Baltimore, Md.

The Brothers have the approbation and blessing of the Most Rev. Archbishop Riordan for their work; likewise the good will and every assurance of help from Most Rev. Archbishop Montgomery, who has a cousin in the Congregation.

Rev. Father Crowley has done everything possible to make their home at Ruthersford comfortable. Under his direction, and with the cooperation of the clergy and good people of California, there is no reason to doubt that the Agricultural School of the Youths' Directory will, in time, become a means of much good and a source of pride to every true Californian.—San Francisco Monitor.

A REMINDER.

We notice many of our esteemed Catholic contemporaries praising indiscriminately everything that W. H. Yeats has written. Of course, this is because Mr. Yeats is Irish. But while Mr. Yeats is Irish, there are some of his ideas which will hardly square with Catholic principles. We wonder if the Catholic editors who are loud in his praises ever read one little play of his called "Where There is Nothing."—Boston Sacred Heart Review.

Patent Report.

Below will be found a list of patents recently granted by the Canadian Government through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal, Can., and Washington, D.C.

Information regarding any of the patents cited will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above-named firm.

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Notice is hereby given that the parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel of Montreal, will apply to the Legislature of Quebec at its next session for an Act to amend the Education Act, and to permit of the erection of the said parish into a separate school municipality. Montreal, 21st January, 1904.

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that les Cure et Marguilliers de l'Oeuvre et Fabrique de la paroisse de Tres Saint Nom de Jesus de Maisonneuve, in the County of Hochelaga District of Montreal, will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for a bill to give to the Trustees of the parish of Maisonneuve, certain special powers in addition to those granted to corporations of Trustees by the general law, and more especially to incorporate Trefle Bleu, William Richer, Hubert Desjardins and M. Gustave Ecrement, trustees-elect, and the Cure of the parish, the last named being ex-officio, under the name of the "Trustees of the parish of Maisonneuve," with powers to erect a Church and Sacristy, and to borrow for those purposes a capital sum not exceeding \$125,000, and to arrange the conditions of the said loan which is to be paid within a period of time not exceeding fifty years; and to be authorized to levy annually on the immovable property of the Catholic Free-holders of the parish, a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents in the hundred dollars of the value of the immovables affected. Such annual assessments will be based on the Municipal valuation roll of the Town of Maisonneuve, and also to fix the time and place of payments; to provide for all vacancies of trustees; to ratify the obligation assumed by l'Oeuvre et Fabrique de la paroisse du Tres Saint Nom de Jesus de Maisonneuve, to pay annually to the said Trustees the sum of \$2,500.00 to assist in the payment of the above mentioned buildings. Montreal, 19th January, 1904. TAILLON, BONIN & MORIN, Attorneys for petitioners.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

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Dame Marie Louise Gougeon, of the City of Montreal, wife of Alphonse Vallee, polisher, of the same place, has, this day, instituted an action in separation as to property against her said husband.

Montreal, 5th January, 1904. BEAUDIN, CARDINAL, LORANGER & GERMAIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that, "La Fonciere, a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having its principal place of business in the town of Maisonneuve, in the District of Montreal, will make application to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session to have its deed of incorporation amended in virtue of Section 17 of the revised Statutes for the purpose of obtaining the following powers:—

- 1.—To obtain subscription to a capital stock of \$50,000.00 with the privilege to increase the same to the sum of \$500,000.00 divided in shares of \$50.00 each. 2.—To acquire, own and alienate immovables. 3.—To issue insurance policies on the Mutual and the cash premium systems of the Province of Quebec. 4.—To transfer its principal place of business to the City of Montreal in lieu of the town of Maisonneuve. 5.—To issue insurance policies on either the Mutual or cash premium systems in towns and cities, as the Board of Directors might decide.

LEONARD & LORANGER, Attorneys for the petitioner.

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LENT.—Next Wednesday, the first annual period of penance, which the Church designated as Lent.

To prepare for His Christ retired and spent in the wilderness, and prayed. The great Easter is approaching, and the Church ordains that the faithful should prepare for the celebration and in humility prepare for the glorious day of the resurrection. There is something impressive about the Catholic Church—when to awaken sentiments light—and there is a mess in each of them the perfection of the founded by Divinity. words of the priest of day, and the solemn act of placing a forehead tend eo av thoughts in the Christ at the altar rail that dust and that the day far distant—much ne may imagine—when be shall crumble. Wi truth before us, the essence of sacrifice and marks a most important our short careers.

Having felt, in all that death is certain pauses in dread before place—the uncertainty of life. Perhaps this is Ash Wednesday for many their last Lent is soon it is impossible to tell us and which of us sh again," when Ash Wednesday upon the world. ly it is wisdom to seize nity that now presents be the last.

In olden times the fastifications, the sacrifices during the Lenten season severe that even the ree almost makes one feel believe that the account exaggerated. In our age penances are comparatively scant. According to the members of the hierarchy and change the rules of Lent in order health, the condition of each individual of epidemic the fast of abstinence, may be dispensed. In fact the modern Lent to observe, and yet the reds who complain of the Church's laws, and by every imaginable expectation that are impossible for such meditate seriously upon of the priest, when im on the heads of the person finds it difficult to flesh meat, or to follow fasting, during a pe days; let us suppose that nesday will be the com the last Lent for which very much more satisfie be the "returning to du soul would have a few voluntary penances to God! But, apart from fasts and abstinences of season, there are many mortification and can be heaped up to the treasury house of God are extra prayers to be visits to the Church to of temper that may be